

## INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The 21st Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC21) was held November 28 - December 3, 2024, in Suva, Fiji. Attachment 1 describes provisional meeting outcomes.

The WCPFC's Scientific Committee held its 20th Regular Session in Manila, Philippines, August 14 - 21, 2024. Meeting outcomes and other materials can be accessed on the WCPFC [website](#). In addition, the Ninth Joint Inter-American Tropical Tuna Convention (IATTC) Northern Committee [Working Group Meeting](#) on Pacific Bluefin Tuna (PBF) Management was held in Hokkaido, Japan, July 10 - 13, 2024. Following that meeting, the [20th Regular Session](#) of the Northern Committee met July 15 - 16, 2024 also in Hokkaido, Japan.

More recently, the Joint IATTC - Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Northern Committee Working Group (JWG) held an [intersessional meeting](#) on the management of Pacific bluefin tuna, February 5 - 7, 2024, in Monterey, California. The JWG received presentations on the PBF Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) and provided recommendations for further evaluation. The MSE is expected to be completed in July 2025.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Report (I.2.a NMFS Report 1) describes the postponement of North Pacific albacore tuna meetings as well as a schedule for upcoming regional fishery management organization meetings.

### **Council Tasks:**

**Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions for Upcoming Regional Fishery Management Organization Meetings and Other Forums, as Appropriate.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item I.2, Attachment 1: Provisional Meeting Outcomes and Attachments of the 21<sup>st</sup> Regular Session of the WCPFC (*Electronic Only*).
2. Agenda Item I.2, Attachment 2: Chairs' Summary, Joint Working Group Intersessional Meeting (*Electronic Only*).
3. Agenda Item I.2.a, NMFS Report 1.
4. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

### **Agenda Order:**

- I.2 International Management Activities Kerry Griffin
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions for Upcoming Regional Fishery Management Organization Meetings and Other Forums, as Appropriate